

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 7, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. May 7, 1917.

Darling boy,

So glad to get a real letter in your own handwriting this morning. I do hope you will accomplish something, for it is very hard being separated from you. I do not like it at all, and am trying to get away the last of the week. I got one piece of work done today, the settling of the affairs of the pay Montessori Schools for next year. Now comes those of the free ones, and the getting of some clothes to wear the next nine months, and then I will be ready.

Little Carol is spending the night with me. I think she is really fond of me, she is the only one who shows any special desire to stay alone with me.

I don't wonder you think your family a pessimistic crowd, but they only repeat what they are told by such men as Lane and Lansing who surely ought to know. France and England may be "biting" into the enemy line, but the enemy line is biting back pretty well into their vitals 400,000 tons of shipping full of food dumped into the sea every week is no joke and what we are told is that we cannot build ships as fast as they are destroyed, or raise enough food to replace that sunk. If Russia concludes peace with Germany doesn't that open to her all the immense granaries of that country, so that she will be fed while France, England and Italy are being starved.

Elsie met a man fresh from Berlin who says that the Germans have carried the use of the telephone as a means of detecting sound 2 under water to a greater perfection than dreamed of here. The submarines are fitted up with several so placed and arranged that those within can tell the type of boat approaching and its direction and distance a long

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way off. Why cannot our ships be equipped with such with which to hear the approach of a submarine?

Please don't keep putting off your experiments for every one else's convenience. We are paying for everything that goes on Beinn Bhreagh. I suppose we furnish the capital for Casey's war boats, we certainly do for Bert's. Besides the world needs your boat if successful, more than anything else.

I want you to eat vegetables and fresh fish, you must vary your diet, canned greens are perfectly all right, please do.

Much love, Mabel.